

ABSTRACT

Auxiliary grooves 28 are formed in land portions 26 so that the wet performance is improved by the increase in the edge factors of the auxiliary grooves 28 and by the water absorbing actions of the auxiliary grooves 28. Since the auxiliary grooves 28 are arranged on the shorter diagonal lines of the land portions 26, the land portions 26 are divided into two triangles approximating equilateral triangles so that the reduction, as caused by providing the auxiliary grooves 28, of the rigidity of the land portions 26 can be suppressed to the minimum. As a result, the deformation of the land portions 26 is suppressed to maintain the dry performance.

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